

Ban Johnson Favors Plan to Help Minor Circuits—Lowe and Cortez in Draw

JOHNSON IN FAVOR OF TEARNEY PLAN

Three Eye Leaguer Would Redistrict Circuits to Cut Down Expenses.

HERRMANN TO HOLD BERTH

Four-Cornered Trade Said to Be Coming to Bolster National's Clubs.

BY LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Ban Johnson is said to favor a scheme for redistricting the minor leagues of the Middle West and has given his support to the plan outlined by A. R. Tearney, president of the Three-Eye League.

Tearney believes that the only possible relief for the minor leagues of the country is to cut down traveling expenses. This calls for a bunching of cities within short riding distances of one another. Ban Johnson has studied Tearney's plan and says it is the most logical offered.

Under the proposed scheme, only leagues under the Class AA definition will be affected by the change.

Herrmann to Hold Job.

Despite Barney Dreyfuss' recent warfare against Garry Herrmann, the good-natured Dutchman will retain his place at the head of the National Commission. Both Ban Johnson and John Kinley Tener will vote for him, and that about settles it.

Herrmann is the first and only chairman the commission has ever had. As president of the Cincinnati club, it might naturally be expected that opposition should be brought against his decisions in National League affairs, but when Dreyfuss did go out against him, it was because George Slaters was awarded to the St. Louis Browns, an American League club.

In all of the hundreds of cases coming before Herrmann, the Cincinnati club has yet to benefit by any partiality on his part. Indeed, in some cases, Herrmann has seemed to bend backward in his effort to be fair to other clubs in his circuit.

Big Deal Is Coming.

A big deal is being whispered in the National League, with the Cubs, Braves, Phillies, and Cardinals involved.

The Phillies and Cubs are seeking pitchers. The Braves want an infielder and an outfielder. The Cardinals want two outfielders. Mitchell, the Cubs' new boss, is also angling for three infielders, not counting a first baseman.

According to this latest whisper, Dede Fisk, the veteran outfielder, will be sent to the Cardinals, while the Phillies will get a new pitcher, and the Cubs will get a new pitcher, and the Cardinals will get a new pitcher.

Sherwood Magee will go to St. Louis, but just what the Braves will get is yet unknown. The various workings of this proposed four-cornered deal are expected to be made public in a few weeks.

Shawkey Is Rewarded.

Bob Shawkey pitched great baseball for the New York Yankees last summer, being their most dependable sinner. That the Yankee owners are appreciative is shown by the fact that he has been offered a substantial raise in salary for 1917. The Yankees are not cutting any salaries of faithful performers.

A few weeks ago it was announced in New York that the Yankees would not suffer in the contemplated salary-cutting, as both Ruppert and Huston were against chopping down the incomes of players who did their best. Shawkey's treatment is exactly in line with that announcement.

Maisel Arm Rules Deal.

Fritz Maisel, the Yankees' speed merchant, broke his collar bone early last season, and his throwing has never been the same since. Indeed, it is said now that Maisel will never again obtain the snap throw needed by an infielder.

Lee Fohl, manager of the Indians, considered making a trade involving Fohl during the recent American League meeting at Chicago, but pulled away when tipped off that Maisel had lost his value as an infielder. Fohl wanted him for that third base berth in Cleveland.

Nick May Relies Alone.

If Carl Sawyer makes good on his thirty-day trial with a moving picture company in Los Angeles, Nick Altrock may have to tote the burden of the Griffins' comedy all by himself next season. Sawyer has been tendered a month's trial with the understanding that he would be released if he failed to make the grade. The local eleven scored twice after some fine work by Nelson and Gonzales.

Altrock Is Satisfied.

"I don't want people to take me seriously," replied the Griffins' comedian and coach. "I'd make a fine manager, wouldn't I? I am getting good money for making the fans laugh, and Griff thinks I am some use teaching his young pitchers. But go into the movies?"

"Imagine me falling off a 100-foot cliff. Perhaps the guys who would be supposed to rescue me would fall to be on the job."

"Suppose they forgot to leave a call or suppose they had trouble with their engine. When? What would Griff do without me?"

It's the same old Nick talking, and neither Griff nor the fans of Washington and the American League af-

COULON COMES BACK

Once Famous Bantam Beats Joe Wagner, Another Patriarch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—After the bent form of the departing year had faded from view yesterday afternoon there emerged from the mists of prehistoric pugilism and into the ring of the Pioneer Sporting Club the figure of a man bearing resemblance to Johnny Coulon, once a prominent boxer of Chicago, who was by many recognized as the champion among the bantamweights.

Stumpy, bald-headed, plump, he looked the prosperous delicatessen merchant rather than a boxer. It was Coulon, for he confirmed the suspicion by bowing when introduced to the big crowd. Furthermore, he won a ten-round bout from Joe Wagner, a New York bantam, who had been out of the ring for years. It may be a mere coincidence that Coulon picked as an opponent a man he had beaten four years ago—a youth who never had much to commend him save a wild right-hand swing for the head.

SCHOOLBOY SERIES STARTS UP FRIDAY

Title Games Will Open With Double Bill at Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

Western vs. Business and Central vs. Eastern is the way the opening bill of the High School Basketball League will open up its schedule Friday afternoon, at the Y. M. C. A. when Prof. C. E. Beckett and J. Y. Hughes will take the first game.

For the past two seasons Business and Western have been the greatest of basketball rivals. Two years ago Western won the title after having played Business three games. The championship race ended in a draw between the two schools, and in the rubber game Western won out.

Last year Western walked off with the title again, but Business always menaced during the season, and the Westerners were forced to go the limit in both engagements with Business. The Stenographers won second honors.

Teams Form League.

Both teams were in the Intercollegiate League, which was broken up when Western, Eastern, Central, and Business withdrew. This year Tech put in a basketball team, and the five high schools decided to operate a separate circuit, as in other sports.

The faculty advisers obtained the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium for the basketball games this season, and twenty contests will be played during January and February. The games will be played Fridays and Tuesdays, beginning on Friday.

A double-header will be played on Fridays, and a single game will be run off on Tuesdays. Besides the Western-Business contest on Friday, Central and Eastern will take the floor.

Central is having the benefit of a first-class gymnasium at the new school, and the boys have taken to the game with increasing interest. C. A. Metzler is coaching the team, and to date the Central team has not lost a game.

The Central five is a strong one, according to reports. The Boys' Y. M. C. A. Friends, and the Chi team of the Phillips League, have been defeated. Eastern is not expected to prove strong enough to give Central an argument.

The Capital Hill lads have a small gym in which to practice, and have a little in the way of equipment this season. Eastern came up during the past season and showed a lot of clever basketball during the latter part of the year.

Business Is Counted.

Coach Paul White at Business has a number of strong players from last season, and can count upon a number of veterans. MacDonald, Wise, Gleason, Towbes, and Coo are holdovers from last season, and can be expected to carry Central along to the limit.

Tech has been coached by Billy Martin, and from indications will have a fair five. The Manual Trainers have Catlin and Tabb, two youngsters who have played a lot of basketball at the Epiphany gymnasium with the church team.

Pfeiffer and Myers are two others who have added strength to the Tech team. Tech's start in the series will be made next Tuesday, when Western is encountered.

MAY STAGE TOURNEY.

Georgetown University may be included in an annual indoor intercollegiate tennis tournament which may be staged early in New York following the announcement of a committee of the Intercollegiate Lawn Tennis Association. The indoor championship matches will probably be made a regular feature next year. Princeton, Columbia, Harvard, Amherst, Fordham, Yale and Rutgers may be asked to compete.

WINS SOCCER GAME.

St. Elizabeth's, of Baltimore, was shut out by the clever defense of the Washington Soccer team in Potomac Park yesterday. The local eleven scored twice after some fine work by Nelson and Gonzales.

ford to let him fall off any 100-foot cliffs.

Moeller For Coast.

Danny Moeller, shifted to Cleveland last summer will Joe Boelling in the trade bringing Elmer Smith and Joe Leonard to Washington, is expected to play with the Potomac club of the Pacific Coast League next season. Walvers have already been obtained on him.

Joe Fohl expects to have his regular outfield consist of Grady, Speaker and Roth next summer, with Allison and Marty Kavanaugh filling in on occasion.

BASKETERS TAKING UP HARDER TASKS

College Floor Quints Make Ready for Tough Campaign This Month.

Basketball activities will be resumed today by school and college teams here after an eleven-day lay-off. While several of the college quints get real action next week all of the players have been ordered to report early for basketball, and in consequence the holiday recess will be somewhat curtailed.

At Georgetown John O'Reilly has asked his basketballers to be ready for action tomorrow afternoon. The Blue and Gray players have a game with Gallaudet January 10, but have been idle since the Mt. St. Joseph's contest in mid-December.

C. U. to Start Up.

Catholic University, with Fred Rice at the helm, will begin harder work for the indoor season, Catholic University has been crippled with losses of good players. Gallivan, Cartwright, and one or two others will probably be out of the lineup for the remainder of the season.

Gallaudet makes ready to meet St. John's College, of Annapolis, Saturday. The Annapolis lads have shown great strength this season in making the Navy hustle for a win, and will be right at home in their own gym.

No Holiday at G. W.

George Washington is having no holiday. Coach Colliflower has had his charges going through the mill during the past ten days, and there is a reason. Tomorrow afternoon at Annapolis the Hatchettes stack up against the Navy quint.

The Middies have already played a game during the holidays, taking a single point margin contest from the strong College of the City of New York quint. Tomorrow's game is expected to be a test for the G. W. U. quint.

Von Heimberg Out.

The Navy has been without the services of Von Heimberg for the past week, and Allen has been filling in at center. With Calhoun and Clarke in forwards and Byers and Roberts in the guards, the Navy team looks formidable.

George Colliflower, who is a brother of the Navy coach, Jim Colliflower, has been working hard on the center proposition, and expects to make the Navy go all the way for a win. Almon and Giacomo seem to be fixtures in the forward positions at George Washington, with Groesbeck and Hill in guards.

Will Play Temple.

Next week George Washington will play Temple College of Philadelphia in the Quaker town. Georgetown meets Gallaudet Wednesday, January 10, while the Kendall Greens will play Fishbourne Military Academy at Waynesboro, Va. on Friday and the University of Virginia on Saturday.

Catholic University plays no games until tomorrow week, when a Wednesday contest is scheduled at the Naval Academy. St. John's, of Annapolis, will be met January 13.

DARCY SEES MISKE

Australian Praised St. Paul Boxer's Methods in the Ring.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Les Darcy, Australian champion, saw Billy Miske, of St. Paul, hand Knockout Brown, of Chicago, a neat trimming yesterday at the Broadway Athletic Club, and he praised Miske's methods.

"He's a good, lively scrapper," Darcy admitted. "Fast and snappy in his work, using both hands well. He's both an in and out fighter. I mean by that he fights well both at a distance and in the clinches. I know something of the tough job he was facing in Brown because I met him twice back home."

"How about a match between yourself and Miske?" Darcy was asked. "Would you like to box him?" "Sure," he replied. "I'll be ready for anybody as soon as I get going. I'd as soon meet Miske as anybody else."

Brown hit Darcy with everything, but the water bucket in the last eight rounds, the Greek's ruggedness alone keeping the affair from ending suddenly.

Possibly the most telling wallop of the battle was developed in the sixth. Miske worked Brown against the ropes and felled him into an opening. He crashed over a right swing to the chin that would have felled an ox, but the stoic Greek failed to drop. However, he did find it necessary to hold on tenaciously. Unhappily a repetition of this punch would have sent him down, and possibly for the count. Miske weighed 173½ pounds and Brown 168½.

MANTELL IS BEATEN

Jeff Smith Comes Close to Stopping Veteran Middleweight.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—Jeff Smith, of Bayonne, N. J., who knocked out Les Darcy in five rounds more than a year ago, came close to stopping Frank Mantell, the veteran from Pawtucket, R. I., at the Monumental Theater here yesterday. Mantell's ability to assimilate punishment kept him on his feet to the end of the fifteenth round.

For seven rounds Smith punished Mantell's body, weakening him considerably. Then he let loose with rights and lefts, cutting his opponent's face badly. The last few rounds were marred by wrestling tactics, Smith using catch-as-catch-can methods to break away from the clinching Mantell.

LEHIGH PLAYS HERE.

Lehigh University will play Georgetown here April 4, according to the schedule issued at South Bethlehem, Pa., today. Lehigh will meet Washington and Lee at Lexington, Va., and 5 and 6, and Virginia at Charlottesville, Va., April 7.

WASHINGTON EARNS FIRST 1917 HONORS

Brooke Brewer Annexes Sixty-Yard Junior Title in Buffalo Meet.

Washington today boasts the first 1917 champion in Brooke Brewer, of Maryland State College. The local product journeyed to Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday to take part in the Junior indoor championships, and romped off with the title in the 60-yard dash.

Brewer's running was a revelation to the 6,000 Bison City fans who packed the auditorium. The youngster showed Lochmick, the Buffalo crack, and Bernie Webers, Jr., a thin or two by negotiating the distance in 6.35 seconds.

Takes Light Workout.

Just what Brewer will do indoors this winter and outdoors this spring can be conjectured when it is considered that he has done only the lightest sort of work since the football season.

Once or twice during the past two weeks Brewer has taken workouts at Georgetown, having obtained permission to use the stretch of floor in Healy Hall.

John O'Reilly, Georgetown's physical director, took a look at Brewer last Friday, and said he would not be surprised to see the youngster walk off with the race. That Brewer justified O'Reilly's guess is seen by the time made last night, which is within two-fifths of a second of record time.

Does No Sprinting.

Brewer has done no sprinting since last year, having played football at Maryland State last fall. That the season in no way impaired his sprinting ability may be noted from his performance last night.

Brewer gets the title as national indoor junior champion at sixty yards, and gains the first 1917 title for this city in open competition.

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

Jeep Willard, weighing 275 pounds, says he isn't afraid of Les Darcy, weighing 160 pounds. Who would have guessed it?

Les Darcy, the Australian boxer, who lighted out of his native country in order to escape influence tending to place him in the army, is meeting with considerable hostile criticism in New York. His managers, or advisers or handlers—whatever you wish to call them—have embroiled him in a controversy with a couple of sporting writers and the count is going against Darcy. As it happens, three of the writers have served in the United States army, one going to the Philippines as well as to Cuba. When they unlimber their guns, they hit the target. In this instance, Darcy is the target.

Colgate gives but eleven letters for the recent football season, but it must be admitted that real players got them.

Today in Cincinnati the minor leagues will tell the National Commission just what they want, alleging that the requested reforms are needed if minor league baseball is to flourish. Then the high court of baseball will roll over, order another quart, light up a real perfect, and proceed to forget all about the minors. We have seen that high court in action. It is a wonder. The major leagues cannot get real players unless the minors set them first, but for the past five years the big fellows have made it constantly harder and harder for the little chaps to exist. About one more season and the grand blow-off may be expected.

How can promoters overlook Jeff Smith, who is willing to meet Les Darcy for nothing—absolutely nothing at all?

There won't be any strike on the part of the major league baseball players. They'll all be in line when the bells ring. The Players' Fraternity, headed by Dave Fultz, has been trying to use the major leagues as a mallet with which to smother the various minor league leaders all over the country. As it happens, the major league players are too wise to stand for such action. They may be keeping quiet during the winter, but watch the parade of signed contracts flopping across as soon as the big league clubs send out their papers for 1917. John Jones, major leaguer, will never pass up \$6,000 to let Henry Smith, minor leaguer, collect \$2.50 more a month.

With "Chick" Evans about to teach the Cubs how to get a swing, Clark Griffith might do well to hire Harry Krauss to teach his lads down at Augusta. One has as much reason to be there as the other.

The real fight before the U. S. G. A. is not that the executive committee ruled improperly in barring Francis Outmet from amateur competition, but against the rule adopted at Chicago last year. The Woodland Club, Outmet's home organization, should make it plain that its opposition is not against the committee, but against the present ridiculous rule. Outmet was engaged in selling sporting goods before he attained golf prominence. It was only after the present amateur rule was adopted that the committee felt itself obliged to bar him.

PENN. MEN PRAISE OREGON'S ELEVEN

Declare Coast Players Rank With Any Eastern College Football Team.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2.—Oregon University is awarded high honors by University of Pennsylvania football players today, following yesterday's 14 to 9 victory for the Pacific Coast players.

To say Penn was surprised is putting it mildly. While the Penn men feel that they could have done better had they played during the football season and not after a 5,000-mile cross-country trip, there are no alibis today.

The old training axiom that a coach is lucky to be able to point a team twice during the season was borne out yesterday. Penn was not pointed, and save for some fine work in the early part of the game, failed to display the same fight and pep that characterized the Cornell, Michigan, and Dartmouth battles.

Coast Team Strong.

The Oregon team was strong physically, well coached, and possessed of the power to drive when the time came. Penn was equal in rushing strength and on defense, but lacked the steam to stop the bigger Coast men.

Oregon had no chance to score in the first half, and was always on defense. Three times Penn had the ball on the 15-yard line, but was penalized. Berry missed two goals from the field, and Quigley missed another. All three were easy chances.

During the first half Penn had much the better of the argument, but the Quakers were unable to show power or forward passing ability to shove the ball across. The soft condition of the field helped Oregon somewhat and retarded the Penn backfield.

Penn Loses Out.

Penn lost out in the second half before the onslaught of the Oregon eleven. Penn fumbled in the third quarter when the ball was on the 30-yard line. Oregon recovered and began a steady march down the field to the Penn 20-yard line when S. Huntington tried and missed a field goal.

Oregon recovered the ball on an exchange of kicks and began another forward march to the Penn goal line. Mitchell got a long forward pass and was downed on the 15-yard line. The ball was shoved over after two tries, Tegar making the count.

The touchdown gave Oregon added strength, and the Coast players began a great march for another count in the final quarter which was consummated in a touchdown by Parsons. Huntington got off a 55-yard run, which was followed up by three line smashes before the count was made. S. Huntington kicked the second goal.

Players Honored.

Penn players refuse to offer alibis. They declare Oregon a fast team and one which could cope with any of the strong Eastern elevens. Mitchell, S. Huntington, Parsons and H. Huntington are said to be as good as any players in the East.

Berry, Bell and Miller received a line pounding from the Coast team. The lighter Penn players tackled fiercely and their play was somewhat criticized by the spectators. Penn was penalized frequently for holding.

WOODWARD TALKS

Golf Head Tips His Hand as to Action in Quilmet Case.

DENVER, Jan. 2.—Every game in the realm of sport is directly or indirectly involved in the decision of the United States Golf Association, at its annual meeting in New York next week, on the question of "What constitutes an amateur?" according to Frank L. Woodward, president of the association, who left here today for the annual gathering.

Mr. Woodward issued a statement which he said outlined the ideas of the executive committee on the subject.

"It is either sport for sport's sake or sport for gain," said Mr. Woodward.

The question of the amateur standing of Francis Outmet, John J. Sullivan and Paul Tewksbury, three prominent American golfers, Mr. Woodward said, would undoubtedly be discussed. The men were suspended last year on charges that they had engaged in the sporting goods business.

WHERE THEY ROLL.

District—Contenders vs. Shermans, at Royal.

National Capital—G. P. O. vs. National Capitals, at Palace.

Postoffice—Supplies vs. Old Station F. Carriers M. Q. vs. Supervisory, at Postoffice.

Navy Yard—Sight vs. Erecting, at Capitol Hill.

Southeast—Midnight Crew vs. Sanitary Grocery, at Southeast.

Commercial—Paral Baking Company vs. Washington Railway A. A. Merchants' Transfer and Storage vs. Judd & Detweiler, at Palace.

Capital City—Indians vs. Freemans, at Rathskeller.

Kidnaps of Columbus—Marquette vs. Ferdinands; Pintus vs. La Salles, at National Capital.

Georgetown Commercial—Alleghenys vs. Morning Glories, at Georgetown.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing—Examiners vs. Surface, at Rathskeller.

Bankers—Bank of Washington vs. Washington Loan and Trust, at Casino.

Interdenominational—St. Mark's vs. Sixth; Fifth vs. Bethany; Kendall vs. Gorsuch, at National Capital.

Columbia—Webers vs. Schlitz; Columbias vs. Trainmen, at Columbia.

Reclamation—Commissioners vs. Accounts, at Palace.

LEVINSKY A WINNER

Gunboat Smith on Short End of Holiday Bout in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Battling Levinsky decisively defeated Gunboat Smith in ten rounds at the Clermont A. C. yesterday. The bout was a hummer from the first to the final clang of the gong, with the Gunner showing 100 advantage only in the second round. Levinsky took the honors in all the other rounds.

In the first round, which was a feeling-out session, with each boxer wary and watchful, Levinsky slightly outpointed his opponent. Early in the second, Smith landed a hard overhand right—his old "capital punch"—but Levinsky rolled his head with the blow and it did no damage. Smith fought like a tiger in the second round and easily took the honors. After that it was nothing but Levinsky. Levinsky weighed 180½ pounds and Smith 182½.

CARROLL ANNEXES A. A. U. TEAM HONORS

Defeats Baltimore Cross-Country Club in Annual Distance Title Event.

While Joe Geiger annexed premier honors in the South Atlantic championship cross-country run in Baltimore yesterday Carroll Institute achieved its greatest honor in winning the team trophy from its dearest rival, the Baltimore Cross Country Club.

Geiger was expected to take first honors, but Carroll Institute had the distinction of landing second place among the individuals when A. Shanley came through in second place. Stouffer, Blumer, Healy and Lynch, of Carroll, were the runners who finished in the first ten for Carroll and landed team trophy honors.

Healy and Lynch Star.

Healy and Lynch came out of retirement to make up the Carroll team the regulars being under the weather. The veterans aided materially in landing the point trophy for Carroll and are today enjoying their well-earned honors.

Geiger won a well-timed race. Easily the best of the harriers, the Baltimore crack took the lead at the start and was never in danger of being headed. Geiger won the title race for the second time straight. His time was 41 minutes 53.55 seconds.

Carroll won 29 points to 36 for the Baltimore Cross Country team. Lyons and Dougherty, also of Carroll, finished the race.

Order of Finish.

J. Geiger, unattached, 41 minutes 53.55 seconds; H. Shanley, C. I., 45 minutes 32.2 seconds; E. Schmidt, B. C. C., 45 minutes 32.2 seconds; H. Stouffer, C. I., 48 minutes 3.55 seconds; D. Schmentner, B. C. C., 51 minutes 3.55 seconds; S. Blumer, C. I., 54 minutes; D. Healy, C. I., 57 minutes 1.55 seconds; W. Korman, B. C. C., 1 hour 18.55 minutes; H. Korman, B. C. C., 1 hour 3 minutes; M. Lynch, C. I., 1 hour 7 minutes 2.55 seconds; A. Finch, C. I., 1 hour 18 minutes 7 seconds; S. Spear, B. C. C., 1 hour 25 minutes 14 seconds; D. Younger, B. C. C., 1 hour 28 minutes; T. McCormac, B. C. C., 1 hour 35 minutes 55 seconds; A. Miller, B. C. C., 1 hour 44 minutes 44 seconds; C. Lahn, B. C. C., 1 hour 53 minutes 8 seconds; J. M. Montague, unattached; C. Lyons, C. I.; J. Dougherty, C. I.

Now points were scored in light fog team trophy; Baltimore Cross Country Club—3, 5, 8, 11; total, 38. Carroll Institute of Washington—2, 4, 6, 7, 10; total, 29.

LES DARCY WILLING

Australian Challenges Al McCoy, Middleweight Titleholder.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist, has decided to end the squabble over the middleweight crown that once graced the head of Stanley Ketchel. The visitor from the Antipodes has issued an open letter in which he invites Al McCoy, he of one-punch fame, to come out and fight.

Al, through his mighty right hand that once connected with the chin of George Chip, gained the so-called middleweight championship of the United States. Some went so far as to call it a world's title and so far as any one else was concerned it was. Al has never been considered a real champion, but he has managed to stick right